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1. SSOD PREPARATIONS

PRESSURES FROM NEW YORK FOR FURTHER DISARMAMENT GESTURES,
NO FINAL DECISIONS ON SOME IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE US
POSITION AND ADDITIONAL REPORTS OF HIGH LEVEL EA ATTENDANCE
AT THE SSOD CHARACTERIZE THE SSOD SITUATION AT THIS WRITING.

NEW YORK, IN WRAPPING UP THE FINAL SESSION OF THE PREPARA-
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TORY COMMITTEE, NOTES THAT THERE ARE DEEP DIFFERENCES OF
APPROA-H AND EXPECTATION AMONG THE REGIONAL GROUPS AND THE
MAJOR STATES AND THERE IS A MOOD OF FRUSTRATION OVER THE
LACK OF PROGRESS. THE MISSION STATES THAT THE PROSPECTS
FOR OBTAINING CONSENSUS AT THE SESSION ARE PROBLEMATIC.

THE NON-ALIGNED WANT THE SSOD TO MARK A FRESH DEPARTURE IN

ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT BUT THEY SUSPECT THAT THE US AND THE USSR HAVE ADOPTED A DAMAGE-LIMITING APPROACH. THE MISSION REPORTS THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE ON US TO PRODUCE INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND THE NON-ALIGNED HAVE REITERATED THEIR CALL FOR BINDING SECURITY ASSURANCES FOR NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES BEYOND THE FORMULATION IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH LAST OCTOBER.

MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TO THE AUSTRALIANS IN A DISCUSSION IN CANBERRA, INITIATED BY THE CHINESE, TO DISCUSS THE SSOD AND CHINA'S VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT, THE CHINESE COUNSELOR SAID THE MAIN TASK FOR THE SESSION SHOULD BE TO EXPOSE MOSCOW'S DISARMAMENT TRICKS. THE CHINESE DID NOT RESPOND WHEN THE AUSTRALIANS MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN A POSSIBLE RESTRUCTURED CCD.

ON THE QUESTION OF ATTENDANCE AT THE SPECIAL SESSION THE LIST OF EA HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPANTS NOW INCLUDES PRIME MINISTER FRASER AND PEACOCK, MRS. MARCOS (AND POSSIBLY ROMULO), SONODA, TALBOYS, MOCHTAR AND POSSIBLY RITHAUDDEEN. SINGAPORE, FIJI, PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND THE ROK ARE NOT SENDING SPECIAL DELEGATIONS. ON OUR SIDE THERE IS NO FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND BUT TENTATIVE PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE SECRETARY TO MAKE ABOUT
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A TWO DAY VISIT AND HOLD A LIMITED NUMBER OF BILATERALS WHILE HE IS THERE.

2. CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFER TALKS (SECRET)

I ATTENDED A PRE-BRIEF ON MONDAY FOR THE TUESDAY PRG MEETING ON THE CAT TALKS WITH THE USSR SCHEDULED FOR HELSINKI IN MAY. THE MEETING WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY LES GELB, DISCUSSED ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES BETWEEN A REGIONAL AND A FUNCTIONAL APPROACH TO THESE ISSUES IN DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS. I POINTED OUT THE DIFFICULTIES IN APPLYING REGIONAL ARMS RESTRAINTS IN EA, WHETHER IN NORTHWEST ASIA OR SOUTHEAST ASIA. THESE POINTS WERE ACCEPTED; WHATEVER REGIONAL DISCUSSION TAKES PLACE WILL PROBABLY FOCUS ON ARA AND AF.

3. FUNDING THE UN IN LEBANON (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON FUNDING FOR THE INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON PASSED A RESOLUTION WHICH FOLLOWED THE PATTERN OF FUNDING FOR THE UNEF-UNDOF FORCES AND ASSESSED THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SC MORE THAN 61 OF THE \$54

MILLION SIX MONTH BUDGET; 22 OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

WERE ASSESSED AT ABOUT 37 AND THE REMAINING 122 UN MEMBERS AT A TOTAL OF ABOUT 2. THE VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION WAS 99 IN FAVOR - 14 AGAINST (INCLUDING THE SOVIET BLOC, VIETNAM, LAOS), WITH NO ABSTENTIONS. CHINA DID NOT PARTICIPATE AND CAMBODIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA AND SAMOA WERE ABSENT. CHINA EARLIER STATED THAT IT WAS AGAINST THE INCLUSION OF THIS EXPENDITURE AS AN EXPENSE OF THE UN AND WOULD NOT ASSUME ANY OBLIGATIONS FOR TROOPS OR TAKE PART IN THE VOTE. VIETNAM SAID THAT ISRAEL MUST BEAR THE FULL COST OF THE FORCE AND VIETNAM COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE OPERATION. JAPAN, ALTHOUGH STATING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION, DID REFLECT ITS DISENCHANTMENT WITH SEVERAL
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ASPECTS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORCE. PARTICULAR MENTION WAS MADE OF THE NEED FOR THE PERMANENT MEMBERS TO BEAR THE MAIN COST OF THE OPERATION AND THE JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT JAPAN WAS DISTURBED AT THE FAILURE OF SOME OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS TO BEAR THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ANOMALOUS FOR SOME OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS TO CONTRIBUTE LESS TO PEACE-KEEPING OPERATIONS THAN SOME OF THE STATES WHO DO NOT "ENJOY ANY POSITION OF PRIVILEGE ON THE COUNCIL".

4. NAM: KOREA AND GUAM (CONFIDENTIAL)

NEW YORK HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE NAM MINISTERIAL MEETING IN BELGRADE THIS SUMMER. IT LISTS KOREA AS A SEPARATE ITEM. IT ALSO INCLUDES SEPARATE MENTION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE AND ONE OF THE SUB-ITEMS ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION DEALS WITH "OTHER COLONIAL ISSUES (IN AFRICA, ASIA, LATIN AMERICA, ETC.) -- A POSSIBLE PLACE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF GUAM. OTHER SECTIONS OF THE PRELIMINARY AGENDA INCLUDE SUCH TOPICS AS DISARMAMENT, NIEO, STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF THE 77 AND INFORMATION/MEDIA QUESTIONS.

MEANWHILE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KABUL MEETING OF THE NAM BUREAU, AFGHAN LEADERS HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY EXPECT KOREA AND GUAM, INTER ALIA, TO BE MENTIONED IN THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE - BEING STYLED AS THE "DECLARATION OF KABUL". AS THEY SEE IT, HOWEVER, THESE REFERENCES WOULD BE MILD AND INOFFENSIVE. HOWEVER, THE AFGHANS -THOUGHT THE FORMULATION ON KOREA MIGHT BE ALONG THE LINES OF THE NAM NEW DELHI STATEMENT ON KOREA AND THIS FORMULATION WHILE LESS STRIDENT THAN THAT OF THE COLOMBO NAM SUMMIT, WAS
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